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APPLICANTS : Mikio KATSUBE et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 15, line 10, change "affusion" to -brackish water-;
page 16, line 6, change "affusion" to -brackish water-;
page 17, line 18, change "affusion" to -brackish water-; and
page 20, line 8, change "affusion" to -brackish water-.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows.

Claim 1 (Twice Amended). A permelective membrane module comprising i) two permelective membrane elements formed of hollow fibers arranged substantially in parallel and